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## ***Transportation News! . . .***

- Governor Hogan announced today that the State is looking to partner with the private sector in adding lanes to I-270 between the Beltway and Frederick, and adding lanes to I-495 between the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge to the American Legion Memorial Bridge. Read more at <http://governor.maryland.gov/2017/09/21/governor-hogan-announces-widening-of-i-270-capital-beltway-i-495-and-baltimore-washington-parkway-md-295/>
- The State has also selected a partner for the more immediate I-270 Innovative Congestion Management Project. The project will take a two-prong approach to address traffic congestion through road improvements (i.e. lane changes, etc.), and techniques and technology solutions (ramp metering, etc.). **Construction begins this week on the I-270 Spur at I-495.** The project is to improve traffic flow along I-270 between I-70 and I-495. For details, read more at <http://roads.maryland.gov/pages/DistrictNews.aspx?did=d3&id=388>

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## **Matching Mini-Grants Now Available for Neighborhood Projects or Events!**

Sometimes all that is keeping a wonderful neighborhood event from materializing is a relatively small amount of resources... Well, now there is a local source for that!

*The Neighborhood Events Matching Fund* was established by Montgomery County to encourage capacity building, neighborhood beautification, networking, and to stimulate the local economy. The maximum grant amount is \$1,000. Funds must be matched and the event must take place this fiscal year – between now and June 30, 2018.

Applying is easy. [Download the PDF](#) application form, complete it, and submit it to your Regional Director. Regional Directors are listed on the application form.

There is no deadline for application, but funding is limited. So, regardless of whether your project or event is next month or months away, apply now!

*See the [application](#) for more details and instructions.*

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## **Rock-n-Relief Concert Raises Over \$5,000 for Hurricane Victims**

The youth concert held September 17 in Rockville exceeded its fundraising goal, bringing in over \$5,000 for hurricane victims in Florida and Texas! [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=21404](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21404)

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## **Leggett Announces Free Fares on New MD 355 “Ride On extRa” Service Beginning October 2017**

The new and faster [Ride On extRa](#) rush hour service beginning October 2 on Route 355 will be free, on an introductory basis, during the month of October.

**Ride On extRa** will run only during peak periods, Monday through Friday, 5:30am-9:30am and 3:30pm-7:30pm. It will provide service from Lakeforest Transit Center in Gaithersburg to Medical Center Metro in Bethesda – running every ten minutes and making just twelve stops. The service will connect to half of the bus routes in the County, as well as to Metrorail and MARC rail.

**Ride On extRa** vehicles will have many amenities that promote comfort and faster service. For example, the vehicles will have traffic signal priority and passengers will have low-floor boarding, free WiFi, USB charging ports and padding on seats.

Starting in November, this service will be available for a regular Ride On fare, via [SmartTrip](#) card, pass or cash. Fare cards may not be reloaded on these buses.

**Ride On extRa** stops will include Lakeforest Transit Center, Summit Ave., Westland Dr., Shady Grove Metro, Montgomery College, Rockville Metro, Edmonston Dr., Halpine Rd., Marinelli Rd., Security Ln., Tuckerman Ln., and Medical Center.

**Look for the new bus shelters and bus stop flag signs to identify *Ride On extRa* bus stops!**

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual County Procurement Forum Thursday, October 5 9:00am-1:00pm Silver Spring Civic Building One Veterans Place, Silver Spring**

*Showcases Public and Private Sector Contract Opportunities*

This is the largest event hosted by the Office of Procurement and features panel discussions and exhibitors.  
[Register Online](#) | [View from County Calendar](#)

More information at [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=21409](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21409)

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### **Montgomery County Seeks Applicants For Merit System Protection Board**

[http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=21405](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21405)

**Deadline to Submit Applications is Wednesday, Nov. 1**

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**Plum Gar Fall Festival**  
**Saturday October 7 10:00am – 2:00pm**  
**Plum Gar Community Recreation Center**  
**19561 Scenery Drive, Germantown**

*It's free! Bring your lawn chairs*

Food vendors, fall arts & crafts, live music, carnival games!  
Pumpkin & face painting, archery demonstrations, a petting zoo, and more!

Register online at ActiveMONTGOMERY.org (use activity #42480) or register in-person at the center

*Questions?* Call 240-777-4919 en Espanol 240-777-6839

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**October 15 12:00n – 4:00pm**  
**Montgomery College, Rockville Campus**  
**51 Mannakee Street, Rockville**  
*(rain or shine)*

*Live music! Cultural activities! Performance stages!*

Join in celebrating the rich diversity of the DC Area through international music, food, dance, culturally authentic arts demos, hands-on activities, and more. Follow at [#worldofmontgomery](https://www.worldofmontgomery.com) Visit [www.worldofmontgomery.com](http://www.worldofmontgomery.com) for more information.

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**Parents Invited to Free Presentations to Learn About Adolescent Development and Substance Abuse Prevention**

**Offices of Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services, Dept. of Health & Human Services**  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month 5:30pm-6:45pm**  
**(a group of Spanish-speaking parents meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 6:00pm-7:00pm)**  
**7300 Calhoun Place, Suite 700, Rockville**

Parents of teens are invited to attend free presentations on healthy adolescent development topics such as promoting positive attitudes, preventing behavioral issues and proactive prevention of substance abuse. The sessions are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. in Rockville. A group for Spanish-speaking parents meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m.

Presentations are led by mental health professionals from Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services (CABHS), part of Behavioral Health and Crisis Services in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sign up for the session by calling 240-777-1432 or 240-777-1430.

The office is accessible by Ride On Route #59. Walk-ins are welcome.

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**For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit:** <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press\\_List.aspx?id=01](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01)

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>